UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Mohr

DATE: November 27, 1963

FROM: C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD
ASSAULTING A GOVERNMENT OFFICER

Reference is made to memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Tolson dated November 24, 1963, wherein SAC Shanklin of Dallas advised Mr. Belmont that Eddie Barker of the Dallas Times Herald had stated that Barker had called Shanklin to verify a story that Shanklin had resigned under pressure. Shanklin told Barker that this was a lie and Shanklin advised that the source of the story was Bill Galbraith of CBS News Desk in Washington. Mr. Belmont notified me so that the matter might be killed off here in Washington. The Director asked, "Did DeLoach find out the source? H."

Discreet inquiry has been made at CBS concerning the source of this rumor. We have contacted our good sources at CBS in Washington and Neil Strawser advised that he was familiar with the story and that it was one of the hundreds of rumors that came into the news room during the tension of the situation. He said that at first it came to his attention from Robert Pierpoint.

Pierpoint who is friendly and known to my office was contacted on a strictly informal basis and he stated that he had received the rumor from a "Government source" and that they had not broadcast the rumor because they thought it was a lot of "baloney." He said that in view of this fact he did not desire to reveal his source in that he did not at this point want to "reflect on the Government."

In that the matter was not broadcast, it is felt that in view of Pierpoint's statement that we should not pursue the matter further.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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